



## Kate Margaret McDowell

December 6, 1978 - February 18, 2019

Dr. Kate M. McDowell, DDS, of Broomfield, CO, died Monday, Feb. 18, 2019, at age 40. She was born on Dec. 6, 1978, in Peoria, IL, to Kim and Mary (Slain) Brokaw of Dixon, IL. She graduated Dixon High School in 1997, received her Bachelor's Degree from Bradley University in 2001, and then earned her doctorate from the University of Illinois College of Dentistry - Chicago in 2007. Kate practiced dentistry at various offices in Chicago, Dixon, and Colorado until 2018, when she bought Sunrise Dental Care in Boulder and established her own private dental practice. Kate's numerous affiliations included the Academy of General Dentistry, the Boulder/Broomfield Dental Society, and the American Dental Society. Kate was an animal lover and avid traveler who most enjoyed the company of her countless friends and family members. While her untimely death was tragic, she will be forever remembered for her warm heart and kind spirit. Because of our assurance of Kate's faith in Jesus Christ, we know we will one day be reunited with her in the presence of our Lord and Savior.

Kate married Thad McDowell of Broomfield, CO, on Apr. 2, 2016; Thad also died on Feb. 18, 2019. Kate is survived by her parents; brothers Ryan (Kristen) Brokaw of Ft. Rucker, AL, Ben Brokaw of Chicago, and Nick (Ashley) Brokaw of Sublette, IL; nieces and nephews Ethan, Miley, Lacey, Wyatt, Warren and Clarissa; beloved aunt Donna Wilson of Dixon and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, Feb. 24, 2018, from 2:00 to 6:00 PM at the

Jones Funeral Home in Dixon. A memorial service will be held on Monday, Feb. 25, 2019 at 10:00 AM the Bethel Church in Dixon with Rev. Dalmus Meeks officiating. Burial of cremains will be at a later date at Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon. Memorials have been established in Kate's name for Safe Haven of Rock Falls, IL, and Granny Rose Animal Shelter of Dixon, IL

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood

416 S Dement Ave  
Dixon, IL 61021

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **24**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Jones Funeral Home, Dixon  
204 South Ottawa  
Dixon, IL 61021  
Ph: 815-288-2241  
[info@thejonesfh.com](mailto:info@thejonesfh.com)  
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

## Service

FEB **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethel Church  
131 North Court  
Dixon, IL 61021  
<http://www.dixonbethel.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Brokaw family, I am a friend of Kate and lost touch with her for many years. I just learned about Kate and it is January 27, 2026. I just wanted to let the family know that to me, Kate was a very kind and fun person to be around! I dated Kate back in the mid 2000's while she was in Chicago; however I was located in Houston, Texas so we always joked about her moving to Houston...! Kate was always a special person to me, and I will never forget her! Last time I saw her was on my birthday dinner (circa 2007-ish), she even insisted to buy me a Birthday dinner... Steaks near the coast in downtown Chicago.. (she picked the spot). She left quite an impact on me all these years, never forgot her and upon looking her up I was stunned, horrified, and upset upon coming across what happened to her... gone too soon, and she will always be missed!

Mark

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Mark - January 27 at 04:06 PM



“ *Kate Margaret McDowell*

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October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Kate Margaret McDowell*

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December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM

PG

“ Dear Kim and Family,

*We learned about Kate's death a few weeks ago. John and I are so sorry for your loss and you're in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Hugs to all,*

*John and Patty Idstein*

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**Patty Grosvenor** - July 14, 2019 at 11:07 PM

MS

“ *Kate was my dentist, as well as my girls' dentist, here in Colorado. My girls loved her, and she possessed a fabulous, deadpan sense of humor that made her midwestern background shine through. I was devastated to learn of her tragic passing. She was loved. She made an impact. She will be missed.*

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**Mimi Stevinson** - July 01, 2019 at 08:21 PM

KC

“ *Dr. Kate joined AES last year and will be remembered by her colleagues at the next annual meeting. Please accept our condolences on your loss.*

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**Kenneth Cleveland** - April 25, 2019 at 12:08 PM

JD

“ *I'm so saddened to hear of this tragedy. Dr. Kate was my dentist for the past two plus years, and I will miss her so very much. Kate was a wonderful person and human being, who made my life so much better with her work on my dental issues. My thoughts and prayers are with her family during this very sad time.*

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**Jan Dickman** - March 12, 2019 at 12:34 PM

KA

“ *My love and prayers to you all.*

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**Katie** - February 25, 2019 at 11:20 AM

GC

“ *Dr. and Mrs. Brokaw and Family,*

*It was with great sadness that I read of your lose of Kate. I remember her well as a student at Madison Junior High. I extend my sympathy to you and pray that you may feel the comfort and love of our caring God at this time and in the days that follow.*

*With sincere sympathy,  
Gary Cater*

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**Gary Cater** - February 25, 2019 at 01:40 AM

BH

“ *I met Dr. Kate twice after she purchased Sunrise Dental. Her passion for her profession shone through her brilliant smile when she first introduced herself to me as my new dentist. From the beginning I felt confident in her skilled care of my dentistry needs. She was quick to build rapport and her clinical skill and knowledge was impressive. Her loss is a great one to the Boulder community. My thoughts are with her family and friends.*

*Bri Harris*

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**Brianna Harris** - February 24, 2019 at 08:03 PM

MW

“ *Very sad. Kate had just become my dentist at Sunrise. My sincere condolences to Kate's family.*

*Mike Wireman*

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**mike wireman** - February 24, 2019 at 04:40 PM

MB

“*Kate was my sorority sister at Bradley and one of my roommates/housemates senior year. She was truly beautiful inside and out. Like so many have written before me, her smile and laugh were contagious and lit up every room. My deepest sympathies to the Brokaw family.*

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**Marie Boian-Meyer** - February 24, 2019 at 03:33 PM

DF

“*Dave, Pat, Joshua and Jake Fagerburg purchased the Simply Happy Kalanchoe Plant for the family of Kate Margaret McDowell.*



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**Dave, Pat, Joshua and Jake Fagerburg** - February 24, 2019 at 03:15 PM

MW

“*I only had the pleasure of meeting Kate twice. I was nervous about having a new dentist, but after knowing her for only ten seconds I was immediately put at ease. She was one of the sweetest, kindest, and funniest people I know. Her smile lit up the whole room. My last appointment with her went long, but she handled everything with grace. We talked about our mutual love of animals and wildlife. I wish I could have gotten to know her better for many years to come. My heart goes out to her friends and family during this difficult time. Know that you are in my thoughts. ❤️ Mikaila*

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**Mikaila Wireman** - February 24, 2019 at 02:08 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kate Margaret McDowell.*



February 24, 2019 at 01:06 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kate Margaret McDowell.*



February 24, 2019 at 10:55 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kate Margaret McDowell.*



February 24, 2019 at 03:01 AM



“ *Sending comforting hugs and prayers to all of you during this difficult time. Her memory will live on forever! I will always remember her radiant smile and her kind heart!*

**Neesha Nicklaus** - February 23, 2019 at 04:42 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kate Margaret McDowell.*



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February 23, 2019 at 04:39 PM



“ *Harris Tran and Kylie Clark purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kate Margaret McDowell.*



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**Harris Tran and Kylie Clark** - February 23, 2019 at 02:59 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kate Margaret McDowell.*



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February 23, 2019 at 11:55 AM



“ *Kate and I won 2nd place in a euchre tournament a couple of years ago. Whether it was playing cards, hanging out at our ski house, BBQ'ing in the backyard, talking about our faith or just laughing and smiling, Kate's presence was a gift. Her memory will be a treasure I hold on to forever. I am so very sorry for your loss.*  
*-Jamie Dandar McKinney*

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**Jamie Dandar** - February 23, 2019 at 10:41 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kate Margaret McDowell.*



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February 23, 2019 at 09:32 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kate Margaret McDowell.*



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February 22, 2019 at 10:58 PM



“ *I called her "Brokaw" I loved her name. I worked with Kate at Standley Shores Dental for 4 years and I am so honored and blessed that I have had that opportunity to have her in my life for that time! I learned from her in so many ways on a professional level and personal level! Kate was such a free spirit. She was always happy even in stressful times. Her laugh was contagious in our office. You could hear her laugh clear across the building and you knew it was her! She definitely brought fun, excitement and many smiles to all of us! She will be missed so much! My condolences go to her family. I know in my heart, Kate will forever be with us in our hearts! She was a beautiful soul here on earth and will be a beautiful angel in our heavens!! <3*

*Donna Miranda*

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**Donna Miranda** - February 22, 2019 at 08:06 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Kate Margaret McDowell.*



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February 22, 2019 at 05:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kate Margaret McDowell.*



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February 22, 2019 at 04:44 PM



“ *Linda McDowell, Trisha and Rick Gardner and family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Kate Margaret McDowell.*



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**Linda McDowell, Trisha and Rick Gardner and family -**  
February 22, 2019 at 04:27 PM

PD

“ Dr. Brokaw and family. We are so very sorry for your loss of Kate. Mike and I were some of her very first patients when she came to Dixon. She and I really bonded on many things and had really great conversations on many occasions. It was not like a visit to the dentist office it was like going to see a good friend I remember crying when she told me she was leaving to go to Colorado. She was such a beautiful person on the inside as well as the outside. She was truly a beacon of light. She will be missed by so many people whose hearts she had touched. Pam and Mike Damrow



Pam Damrow - February 22, 2019 at 03:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kate Margaret McDowell.



February 22, 2019 at 12:44 PM

SG

“ Standley Shores Dental Group purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Kate Margaret McDowell.



Standley Shores Dental Group - February 22, 2019 at 12:17 PM

SH

“ I remember Kate as a fun-loving and sweet friend to my girls Heather and Theresa and her family was always very kind to us when we lived in Dixon. I am so very sorry for this tragic and too-soon loss and my thoughts are with the family. I hope the good memories you have of Kate will sustain you and bring you a small measure of comfort during the difficult times. Much love to you.

Sue Charleston Huckabee - February 22, 2019 at 11:27 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kate Margaret McDowell.



February 22, 2019 at 11:11 AM

GW

“ I met Kate about a year ago. We got along instantly. She was considering purchasing the practice I manage and our vision for the office was identical. Sadly, for me, she ended up purchasing Sunrise instead. We stayed in contact and I helped get a few things in place at Sunrise. I was always so impressed by her truly genuine personality. She was honest, friendly, generous. She even got my six year old excited about an extraction by saying she "had a magic wand in her office that would make the pain go away." Kate had a way of making you see the best in yourself. Her confidence in my abilities changed my outlook on myself for the better. Such a large impact in such a short time. I cannot imagine the pain and loss felt by family and close friends. I am so sorry for your loss. RIP Kate. I feel so lucky to have met you and had you in my life for even the short time it was.

Gina Welihan - February 22, 2019 at 10:58 AM

DS

*The pain of losing your child is the worst thing a parent can live thru - and you will manage to by taking it day by day. The pain of it being sudden and tragic also leads to us asking why? My son died at 43 in a construction accident and we were not allowed to see him. No chance to say good byes 😞 By your faith in God and realizing you will see her again gives some comfort. May God hold your family in the palm of His hand and give you the strength you will need to get thru this! Diane Shehorn-Schnake*

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**diane shehorn schnake** - February 22, 2019 at 12:39 PM



“ *As her sunday school teacher in the days of her youth, I had the wonderful privilege of baptizing her in a beautiful stream called Pine Creek just north of Dixon. I remember plying her with questions as to her faith and her understanding and her motive in this very special symbolic act of trusting in God. She was very confident, even at that age, of what she believed and what she wanted. Kate was a shining example of kindness, joy and love even in her teens and beyond. I am confident that she is in the loving arms of Christ where there is no pain or disappointment, but indescribable joy and peace. Her memory will bring a momentary pang of sorrow followed quickly by a sense of joy as we remember her bright eyes, flashing smile and her effervescent charm. What an extraordinary example of the best of humanity.*

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**Jay Charleston** - February 22, 2019 at 01:34 AM

JW

“ *What a loss, I know that there is another angel in heaven.*

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**John Walker** - February 22, 2019 at 12:58 AM

PA

“ Patrick, John & Flatirons Medical Arts purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Kate Margaret McDowell.



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**Patrick, John & Flatirons Medical Arts** - February 21, 2019 at 11:53 PM

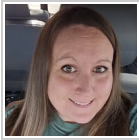


“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kate Margaret McDowell.



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February 21, 2019 at 08:43 PM



“ Dr. Brokaw and family, so very sorry for the loss of your beautiful daughter. My heart breaks for you all. I only know you through Dr. Elbzour's office but I wanted to send my condolences to you all and let you know we are thinking about you and your family during this hard time.

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**Amanda Hintz** - February 21, 2019 at 08:38 PM



“ Kate was so special, inside and out, she was beautiful, the most vibrant and positive young lady I know. I will never forget her whole-hearted smile and this news really totally devastated me. We will never know what God’s reason in taking her away. She was briefly my dentist and she was on her way to being a great one like her Dad. My prayers and sincerest condolences goes out to her family and all her friends. Wish I can be there to sing for her . A long time ago, at our home, she enjoyed my singing and Derrick’s piano playing and we were all smiles . This is what I will keep as memories of her. Our last message was that she missed me and I told her the same and that she visit me when she comes home. Kate, you will always be in our hearts and your spirit will live on in our home always.

Lovingly, Josie and Imre Almassy

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**Josie Almassy** - February 21, 2019 at 06:58 PM

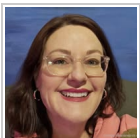


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**Theresa Charleston** - February 21, 2019 at 06:08 PM



“ Kate and I were both in Sigma Kappa Sorority at Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois. Kate made me laugh and made me feel special every time we conversed. I always enjoyed her wit and goofiness. May she rest in peace.

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**Rachelle Foerster** - February 21, 2019 at 03:37 PM

Eva  
Hoskins

“ *Eva Hoskins lit a candle in memory of Kate Margaret McDowell*



Eva Hoskins - February 21, 2019 at 03:14 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Kate Margaret McDowell.*



February 21, 2019 at 12:28 PM



“ *Betsy, Robin, Julianne (Brokaw) and their families purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Kate Margaret McDowell.*



Betsy, Robin, Julianne (Brokaw) and their families - February 21, 2019 at 11:22 AM



“ *Adoring Heart was purchased for the family of Kate Margaret McDowell.*



February 21, 2019 at 11:17 AM



“ *Spirit - Memorial Globe Candle Holder was purchased for the family of Kate Margaret McDowell.*



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February 21, 2019 at 11:07 AM



“ *I was a dental school classmate of Kate's. All of us from her dental school Class of 2007 are shocked and incredibly sad to hear about her passing. She was a wonderful person, always smiling and happy, and she had such a kind heart. She would brighten up the room and was one of the friendliest people I have ever met. My thoughts are with her family and hope that the wonderful memories of Kate provide you some comfort. She will be dearly missed.*

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**Rohini Mathrani** - February 21, 2019 at 11:02 AM



“ *Dr. McDowell worked on our mobile dental van providing services to people with special needs. She was kind, compassionate, and patient with each person she saw. The world has lost a very kind soul. Rest in Peace Dr. McDowell.*

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**jenifer koberstein** - February 21, 2019 at 11:00 AM



“ *I have known Kate for almost a decade and honestly don't recall one negative interaction with her. Her heart was as beautiful as she was. Kate was kind, loving, funny and smart, I miss her and will try to emulate her every day.*

*Sherri Fox, colleague and friend*

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**Sherri** - February 21, 2019 at 10:35 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Kate Margaret McDowell.*



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February 21, 2019 at 10:33 AM



“ *Remembering Kate as a little girl, always smiling, beautiful sweet face and gentle spirit.  
Our hearts are broken for your loss, Kim, Mary and family.  
Love in Christ,  
Dave and Kathy*

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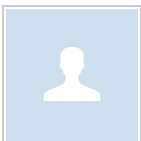
**Kathy Love** - February 21, 2019 at 09:59 AM



“ *There is a hole that can never be filled. I started working with Kate after she bought Sunrise Dental Care, as her Practice Manager....her incredible love of life and laughter filled our office everyday....kate and I became instant friends. She was an amazing woman and is greatly missed.  
Lynn 💜*

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**Lynn Zook** - February 21, 2019 at 09:06 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kate Margaret McDowell.*



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February 21, 2019 at 06:43 AM

RG

“*Kate was an excellent student in my Math classes at DHS, a team player on the varsity basketball team I coached, and a digital friend through the years. She will be remembered as a bright, smiling face with a heart to match. I am sure she always brought more to any classroom or team than she took away. Among the thousands of students that I have known, Kate will always be one of the few that stood out as “SPECIAL”. I will miss her great sense of humor, her intellect, her values, and her precious time she shared with me. Kate’s family will long be in my thoughts and prayers.*”

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**Rock Gentry** - February 21, 2019 at 05:58 AM



“*Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kate Margaret McDowell.*”



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February 21, 2019 at 12:47 AM

PA

“*Pam Alessi purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Kate Margaret McDowell.*”



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**Pam Alessi** - February 20, 2019 at 10:55 PM

TT

“*Kate was an absolutely incredible person who will be missed deeply. When she bought Sunrise Dental care she inherited a staff and I was her new assistant. From day one she welcomed me with her huge infectious smile . From that day on she and I would have endless amounts of laughs together. My heart hurts for you loss and I am keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers. I truly loved Kate and I will miss her terribly.*

*Sincerely,  
Tina Tybon*

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**Tina Tybon** - February 20, 2019 at 09:22 PM

LD

“*Kate bought her dental practice in the last year in Boulder and so became my dentist recently -- last week I had a 2 1/2 hour procedure with her and her assistant Tina. i was truly touched by her kindness, sensitivity, and professional demeanor. As I was leaving I did tell her that I was so impressed with the end result of my procedure, and the teamwork atmosphere that she created in her office. I am just so sorry for your loss.*

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**Laurie Divine** - February 20, 2019 at 09:07 PM

JC

“*Jed Esposito, Colorado purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Kate Margaret McDowell.*



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**Jed Esposito, Colorado** - February 20, 2019 at 09:01 PM

KE

“ I cannot believe I am posting here now. You were truly one of a kind. I was just laughing and telling a stranger on a plane about our days cross country days skiing through Lowell Park. Love you! Kara

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**Kara Edgcomb** - February 20, 2019 at 06:50 PM

 Melissa  
McClure  
Vint

“ Kate and I had so many great adventures over the years. From living together (with her hedgehog- Noah Eustis) in Peoria, to trips back and forth to visit each other in Denver and San Diego. We shared a love of cats, beer and travel and always laughed our butts off. She had such a zest for life and her laughter was unmatched. My heart will be missing a Kate sized hole for the rest of my life. <3

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**Melissa McClure Vint** - February 20, 2019 at 06:48 PM

AS

“ I am so very sorry. Kate and I met at Bradley and I was immediately drawn to her love of life, laughter and free spirit. She was life. My heart breaks with you. All my love, Anne Sullivan

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**Anne Sullivan** - February 20, 2019 at 06:14 PM